
HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF OUTSTANDING VIETNAM
VETERANS AND COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
LANDING OF UNITED STATES GROUND TROOPS IN THE VIETNAM WAR.

1 WHEREAS, BRIGADIER GENERAL JEROME T. HAGEN enlisted in the
2 United States Marine Corps in 1952 during the Korean War,
3 received training in "Boot Camp" and served as a drill
4 instructor at the San Diego Recruit Depot; completed the Officer
5 Candidate Screening Course, earning the rank of Second
6 Lieutenant; flew four hundred eighty-three combat missions in A4
7 "Skyhawk" aircraft during the Vietnam War, earning the Silver
8 Star Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, two Bronze Stars,
9 the Distinguished Flying Cross, and numerous other medals,
10 citations and decorations; and retired as a Brigadier General
11 after thirty years of loyal, distinguished, and patriotic
12 service; and
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14 WHEREAS, COLONEL STEVE "VIKING" MELGAARD played football
15 for the University of Michigan, graduating from that University
16 through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, earning the
17 rank of Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps; completed
18 KC-130 training, reported to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Da
19 Nang, Vietnam in January of 1971; flew the KC-130, C-117D, and
20 TA-4J aircraft, completing thirty-four combat missions; and
21 retired as an O-6 Colonel, otherwise known as a "full bird"
22 Colonel, in 1990; and
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24 WHEREAS, WHEREAS, LT. COLONEL GRADY GESKE grew up in
25 Wisconsin, graduated from college, entered the Marine Corps,
26 become a Marine Corps helicopter pilot, served as a Cruise
27 Missile Engineer, saw duty "in all climes & places", served two
28 combat tours in Viet Nam, served two Mediterranean Carrier
29 deployments, served various other deployments (in Asia,
30 Australia, Cuba, and Central America), retired as a Lieutenant



1 Colonel, and now lives on Oahu as a family man and neighbor who
2 wants to help others; and
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4 WHEREAS, WHEREAS, CAPTAIN KENNETH H. DEHOFF, JR. was raised
5 in Phoenix, Arizona and Salt Lake City, Utah, and engaged in the
6 sports of basketball, swimming, and skiing; attended Skyline
7 High School, American Legion Boys State and Dixie College;
8 joined the Army and attended Ft. Benning for Officer Candidate
9 School as well as helicopter flight school in Texas, Alabama,
10 and Georgia; received orders to serve in Vietnam and reported to
11 C Troop 16th Air Cav, located in Plekue in 1970, and then moved
12 to Bien Tue; was shot down a number of times, finally crashing
13 at the hands of an anti-aircraft battalion; received the Air
14 Medal, Purple Hearts and Good Conduct wards; and retired as a
15 Captain; and
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17 WHEREAS, SERGEANT MAJOR ALAN KELLOGG, as a staff Sergeant,
18 was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, in
19 December, 1967, serving as a squad leader with M-16 Special Task
20 Group Command, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines; served as a platoon
21 sergeant; served as platoon commander of Company I, 3rd
22 Battalion, 6th Marines; returned for his second tour of duty in
23 the Republic of Vietnam in December, 1969; served briefly as a
24 platoon sergeant with Company A, 1st Battalion, 26th Marines;
25 was reassigned duty during March, 1970 as a platoon sergeant of
26 Company G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, and 1st Marine Division;
27 earned a Medal of Honor due to his heroic actions on March 11,
28 1970; was wounded in action in Quango Nam Province on May 8,
29 1970 and was evacuated to the U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka,
30 Japan; and retired as a Sergeant Major in 1990; and
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32 WHEREAS, this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the
33 landing of United States ground troops in the Vietnam War; now,
34 therefore,
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36 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
37 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
38 Session of 2015, that this body hereby expresses its utmost
39 gratitude to all Vietnam veterans, and especially to BRIGADIER
40 GENERAL JEROME T. HAGEN, COLONEL STEVE "VIKING" MELGAARD, LT.
41 COLONEL GRADY GESKE, CAPTAIN KENNETH H. DEHOFF, JR., and



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1 SERGEANT MAJOR ALAN KELLOGG for their years of dedication and
2 service to the United States.
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